

Application Serial No. 10/653,020

Attorney Docket No. 200207388-1

REMARKS/ARGUMENTSInterview Summary

Applicant wishes to extend thanks to Examiner Britt for the telephonic interviews conducted on November 27 and November 29, 2006. In those Interviews, the Examiner clarified the basis for the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In particular, the Examiner stated that under the requirement that the claimed subject matter be "useful, concrete, and tangible," the claims were deemed to satisfy the requirements of "useful" and "concrete" but not the requirement of "tangible." Applicant's attorney agreed to amend the claims to clarify how the tangibility requirement is satisfied.

The Examiner also stated that the objection to the drawings, indicated on the Office Action Summary, was a typographical error and could be ignored in this response.

Claim Status

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1-22 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 16, and 19-21 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled.

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Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has pointed out that certain references listed in the IDS of August 30, 2003 have not been considered because the patent numbers listed do not correspond with the inventor names and publication dates. Applicant submits herewith a revised IDS with the correct patent numbers, and requests that the Examiner consider the cited references.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claims are alleged to be directed to non-statutory subject matter. Pursuant to the interviews summarized above, applicant has amended the claims to clarify that all recited elements are tangibly embodied. For example, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the "plurality of bits" is "tangibly embodied in the memory." Support may be found for these amendments throughout the specification, including, for example, pp. 43-44.

Now that the tangibility of the claimed subject matter has been clarified, all pending claims in this application should now be in condition for allowance.

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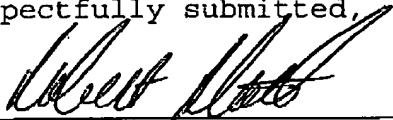
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Any dependent claims not specifically discussed above depend, either directly or indirectly, from the independent claims discussed above and therefore are patentable for at least the same reason(s).

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this Response, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time. Please charge any fees or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50/1797.

Respectfully submitted,



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